**Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee**

**of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge**

**Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 20 May 2013 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Jackson, Osborne, Sutton and White

**Absent:** Cllrs Ali, Lynch, Maycock, Pettit, Scott and Sharman

**In attendance:** Cllr Aldis and the Town Clerk

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| **1** | **Election of Chairman**  RESOLVED to elect Cllr Pettitt as Chairman, although absent Cllr Pettitt had indicated his willingness to take this office. |
| **2** | **Election of Vice-chairman**  RESOLVED to elect Cllr Sharman as Vice-chairman subject to his agreement.  RESOLVED that Cllr Sutton would chair the meeting in the absence of Chairman and Vice-chairman. |
| **3** | **Apologies**  Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ali, Lynch, Maycock, Pettitt, Scott and Sharman. The committee noted that no substitutes had been arranged by absent councillors. |
| **4** | **Declarations of interest**   1. *Disclosable Pecuniary Interests -None* 2. *Personal Interests - None* |
| **5** | **Planning Applications**  The following planning applications submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council were reviewed by the committee.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 26/04/13  30/13 | CB/13/01314/LB  Mr M Lacey  Beeston House  4 High Road  Beeston  SG19 1PA | Listed Building Consent: Remove existing conservatory and replace with larger conservatory and raised deck at 4 High Road, Beeston, Beds.  RESOLVEDto make no objections to the proposed development as it would have no adverse effect on neighbours or the street scene and the design was sympathetic to the building. | | 26/04/13  31/13 | CB/13/01313/ FULL  Mr M Lacey  Beeston House  4 High Road  Beeston  SG19 1PA | Remove Existing conservatory and replace with larger conservatory and raised deck at 4 High Road, Beeston, Beds.  RESOLVED to make no objections to the proposed development as it would have no adverse effect on neighbours or the street scene and the design was sympathetic to the building. | | 26/04/13  32/13 | CB/13/01049/ ADV  Mrs J Roberts  Davidson-Roberts LTD  2 Opeford Close  Offord Cluny  St Neots  PE19 5QA | Advertisement: 2 Freestanding signs along western boundary at 76 London Road, Sandy, Beds.  RESOLVED to make no objections to the proposed freestanding signs. | | 01/05/13  33/13 | CB/13/01467/ OUT  Mr K Barton  ALF (Aquatic Distributor) Ltd  Telford Way  Cambridge Road  Bedford  MK42 0PQ | Outline Application: Use classes B1, B2 and B8 Development (All matters reserved) at Plot 3, Corner Site, Land north of Sunderland Road, Beamish Close, Sandy, Beds.  RESOLVED that the committee had no objections to the proposed change of use and welcomed the opportunity of additional employment for the community. | | 03/05/13  34/13 | CB/13/00722/ ADV  Lloyds Banking Group  PO Box 112  Canons House  Canons Way  Bristol  BS99 7LB | Advert: 1 x Internally illuminated fascia – text only. 2 x non-illuminated externally applied vinyls. 1 x aluminium nameplate. 1 x non-illuminated internally applied vinyl 1 x non-illuminated aluminium ATM panel 1 x internally illuminated ATM collar 1 x internally illuminated projector at Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, 24 Market Square, Sandy, Beds.  RESOLVED to make no objections to the proposed development, the proposed changes to the signage are largely cosmetic, replacing existing signs and were acceptable within the Conservation Area. | | 13/05/13  35/13 | CB/13/01002/FULL  Mr J Davies  111 Icknield Way  Letchworth  SG6 4AR | Revised plans for erection of detached double garage to rear garden at 20 Orchard Road, Beeston, Beds.  RESOLVED to make no objections to the proposed tandem garage. | | 15/05/13  36/13 | CB/13/01521/FULL  Mr DH Barford  Wyboston Lakes  Great North Road  Wyboston  MK44 3BA | Proposed change of use to land for Plant Hire and B8 Open Storage with ancillary offices at 74 Sunderland Road, Sandy, Beds.  RESOLVED to make no objections to the proposed change of use and to welcome the opportunity of more employment in the town. | | 15/05/13  37/13 | CB/13/01351/FULL  Mr & Mrs Leslie  7 East Side  Beeston  SG19 1PH | Single storey rear extension at 7 East Side, Beeston, Beds.  RESOLVED to make no objections, the proposed development was of small scale and would have no impact on neighbours. | |
| **6** | **Minutes of previous meeting**  RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 22nd April 2013 with the addition of Cllr Ali and Cllr Smith’s names from the list of absent councillors and the inclusion of the address in Item 5 which should read 91 St Neots Road.  RESOLVED to approve the minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 29th April 2013 as a correct record of proceedings |
| **7** | **Items for Information**  The committee noted that planning permission had been given for an annexe at 2 Stratford Road which had been objected to by the Town Council.  The committee also noted that an application for land to the rear of 31-35 Cambridge Road was recommended for approval by the case officer.  Cllr Aldis reported on the recent planning appeal regarding the Beeston Timber yard and the committee noted that the inspector’s report was due in 2-4 weeks.  RESOLVED to hold a site visit in connection with a new planning application relating to land adjacent to 38 Bedford Road on Monday 10 June at 11 am.  The Mayor gave apologies for the next meeting and asked the Clerk to arrange for a substitute to attend.  RESOLVED that future committee meetings would be held at 6.45 pm unless otherwise stated.  The Town Clerk reported on planning difficulties with the introduction of a fingerpost into the town centre and advised that work was now being undertaken with officers from Central Bedfordshire Council’s open spaces team to consider installation of interpretation boards and a marker for the ending of the Greensand Ridge cycleway from Leighton to Sandy to be positioned within the Market Square. This structure might replace the planned fingerpost, members were generally supportive of the idea and the Town Clerk advised that a further report would follow. There was a need for consultation with the Rotary Club who had donated funds for the planned fingerpost. |